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## **Buckhead's big thanks for exposing APS scandal**

The Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods board of directors recently voted unanimously to recognize The Atlanta Journal-Constitution for distinguished service.

I am writing to convey the sincere appreciation that the BCN and Buckhead residents have for your outstanding work in exposing systematic test cheating in Atlanta Public Schools. Without your perseverance and willingness to withstand intense pressure from many fronts, the public may never have been aware of this institutional deceit.

Through the involvement of state and local authorities mobilized by your articles, we expect that those who did wrong by misleading the public and cheating their students will be appropriately punished. We hope that APS' many honorable and dedicated teachers and administrators, with community involvement and insights from your newspaper, will restore our school system to integrity and effectiveness.

In addition to your editorial staff and publisher, we especially extend our thanks to the writers and researchers who uncovered this story. We believe a Pulitzer Prize should be awarded for this outstanding work.

**JIM KING**, CHAIRMAN, BUCKHEAD COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS